

IF YOUR CAR IS BROKEN INTO:

1. Do not touch anything

If you enter before realizing a crime was committed, exit the vehicle while trying not to disturb anything.

2. Call the local police

File a report with law enforcement local to the crime scene. Police can adjust patrols and alert the public of increased risk.

If the crime occurs in Grove City, call 614-277-1710.

3. Provide identifying information to police

Reference your list of serial numbers and values of stolen items as well as insurance information and provide those details to the officer assigned to your case.

This information helps police identify your items, increasing the chance your valuables can be returned to you if the criminal is caught.



If you see a crime in progress, call the authorities and let them handle it.

Note details to assist the police such as time, location, description of suspects and license plate numbers.

Take a photo, if possible.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911

Police Non-emergency: 614-277-1710
Crime Prevention: 614-277-1765
Anonymous Tip Line: 614-277-1808

Investigative/Narcotics Bureau: 614-277-1750

The mission of the Grove City Division of Police is to serve and protect all, by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community.



Find criminal activity in your neighborhood on the Crime Mapping link at police.grovecityohio.gov.

DON'T TEMPT A THIEF



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PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE AND VALUABLES AGAINST THEFT

Thefts from vehicles are among the most frequent crimes and the easiest to prevent.

The Grove City Division of Police urges everyone to keep their doors locked and avoid leaving items of value in vehicles. The best plan is to leave any items you do not want to carry with you at home. You also should maintain a list of serial numbers and approximate worth of all valuables, adding to the list as you purchase items.





Be constantly aware of your surroundings and always lock your vehicle.

Out of Sight, Out of Mind

If valuables must remain in the vehicle, remove them from view. GPS systems, cell phones, purses and wallets, video games and other small electronics, as well as shopping bags are all tempting to thieves.

When hiding valuables in your trunk, do so before arriving at your destination. Thieves watch for people in parking lots to place items in trunks before leaving their vehicles. Accessing those valuables is as simple as breaking a window and pushing the release to the trunk lock.

Don't leave charging cords or empty cases in view: this could result in a broken window even if nothing of value is taken.





Use Built-in Security

Utilize security features that are part of your vehicle or electronics. Lock doors, close windows and set the alarm. If the stereo has a removable faceplate, remove it when you exit your vehicle, making it worthless to a thief. Likewise, removable GPS and satellite devices should be undocked and hidden.



Never Leave Keys in a Vehicle

Keys should never be left in a vehicle, even for a moment. If your vehicle is stolen using your keys, not only is your vehicle gone, but everything else accessible by that set of keys is vulnerable such as your home or workplace.